

12 October 2017

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Dear Ms McNally,

Re: Maules Creek coal mine Project Application Number: 10\_0138 Mod 4

The proponent Whitehaven Coal, are seeking to remove a section from Condition 12a, Schedule 3 from Planning Approval 10\_0138 regarding the Maules Creek coal mine. That is the deletion of the wording and requirement to-

*“ensure that all equipment and noise control measures deliver sound power levels that are equal to or better than the sound power levels identified in the EA, and correspond to best practice or the application of the best available technology economically achievable;”*

I object to the Mod 4 and Whitehaven Coal removing a specific requirement for continuous environmental noise improvement by maintaining or reducing mining equipment sound power.

The Department of Planning let down the community at Maules Creek by ignoring community concerns and objections prior to the mine being approved. However, in approving the mine, the Department argued that they imposed many strict conditions on the mine in order to minimise the impact on the local community. It now appears that Whitehaven Coal are unable to meet many of these conditions, and are gradually seeking to remove them, making a mockery of the initial approval process.

The removal of the section from Condition 12a which I have referred to above, will have a negative effect on my family and other members of the Maules Creek community. The noise created by the mine is already having a major impact on the quality of sleep and health of my family and it is of great concern to me. I strongly urge you to reject this Modification 4 which Whitehaven Coal have applied for.

Yours Sincerely,